

Listing of Claims:

15. (currently amended) A contractor/customer ordering computer program product, tangibly embodied on a machine-readable medium, comprising instructions operable to ~~cause a programmable processor to:~~

initiate a contractor/customer ordering computer program;

receive ~~data~~ contractor/customer identification information entered by a contractor/customer in response to a display initiated by the ordering program;

display a menu from which the contractor/customer selects a classification of construction materials or products, the classification associated with a construction ~~phase~~, phase; ~~allowing~~ allow the contractor/customer ~~further selecting to select~~ a set of construction materials or products within the classification;

display a set of specific material or product names corresponding to ~~at least one of the selected~~ the selected set of construction materials or products, the set of specific material or product names being dependent on an identified regional supplier such that the set includes ~~only~~ names of specific materials or products that are ~~provided~~ offered by the identified supplier;

in response to the contractor/customer selecting one or more of the displayed specific material or product names and a specific quantity desired for each selected specific material or product name, record the specific material or product name and a quantity for each specific material or product name selected;

generate a list displaying the specific material or product name and the quantity for each specific material or product name ~~selected~~; selected, and ~~enable the contractor/customer to access~~ enable at least one of a SKU number, a UPC, a bar code, ~~and or~~ or a material or product number for each individual material or product name selected; and

cause data corresponding to the list and data pertaining to contractor/customer identification information entered into the ordering program to be ~~transferred~~ submitted to the identified regional supplier.

16. (currently amended) The contractor/customer ordering computer program product of claim 15 wherein the step of causing data corresponding to the list and data pertaining to contractor/customer identification information to be ~~transferred~~ submitted to the identified supplier is performed by the contractor/customer ordering computer program itself by directly ~~transferring~~ submitting the data from the list and the data pertaining to contractor/customer identification information to the identified supplier.

17. (previously amended) The contractor/customer ordering computer program product of claim 15 wherein the material or product number, SKU number, UPC, or bar code is specific to the identified supplier.

18. (cancelled)

19. (currently amended) The contractor/customer ordering computer program product of claim 15 wherein the data corresponding to the list and the data pertaining to contractor/customer identification information is ~~transferred~~ submitted electronically.

20. (currently amended) The contractor/customer ordering computer program product of claim 15 wherein the data corresponding to the list and the data pertaining to the contractor/customer identification information is ~~transferred~~ submitted by facsimile transmission.

21. (currently amended) The contractor/customer ordering program product of claim 15 wherein the identified regional supplier ~~comprises~~ is part of a national chain.

22. (previously added) The contractor/customer ordering program product of claim 15 further comprising instructions for downloading a current list of costs for each specific material or product from the identified supplier.

23. (currently amended) The contractor/customer ordering program product of claim 15 further comprising instructions for ~~returning~~ requesting a cost estimate from the identified supplier to the contractor/customer.

24. (previously added) The contractor/customer ordering program product of claim 15 further comprising instructions for requesting a date of delivery of the construction materials or products from the identified supplier.

25. (currently amended) The contractor/customer ordering program product of claim 15 further comprising instructions for providing a confirmation of receipt of data from the identified supplier to the contractor/customer.

26. (currently amended) The contractor/customer ordering program product of claim 15 wherein the construction phase comprises at least one of a foundation, plumbing, electrical, framing, and roofing materials or products phase.

27. (previously added) The contractor/customer ordering program of claim 15 wherein the steps recited therein are performed consecutively.

28. (currently amended) A method for communicating construction material data or construction product data from a contractor/customer to a supplier of construction materials or products, the method comprising:

initiating a contractor/customer ordering computer program;

entering data in response to a display initiated by ~~an~~ the ordering program;

selecting a classification of construction materials or products from a menu displayed by the ordering program, the classification associated with a construction phase;

selecting a set of construction materials or products within the classification;

the ordering program displaying a set of specific material or product names corresponding to the selected construction materials or products, the set of specific material or product names being dependent on a regional supplier such that the set includes ~~only~~ names of specific materials or products that are ~~provided~~ offered by the regional supplier;

selecting one or more of the displayed specific material or product names and a quantity desired for each selected specific material or product name, the ordering program recording at least one of the specific material or product name, a material or product number, a SKU number, a UPC, a bar code, and the quantity for each specific material or product name selected;

the ordering program generating a list displaying the at least one of the specific material or product name, the material or product number, the SKU number, the UPC, the bar code, and the quantity for each specific material or product name selected; and

the ordering program ~~causing~~ allowing data corresponding to the list and data pertaining to contractor/customer identification information entered into the ordering program to be ~~transferred~~ submitted to the regional supplier.

29. (currently amended) The method of claim 28 wherein ~~causing~~ allowing data corresponding to the list and data pertaining to contractor/customer identification information to be ~~transferred~~ submitted to the supplier is performed by the contractor/customer ordering computer program itself by directly transferring the data from the list and the data pertaining to contractor/customer identification information to the supplier.

30. (previously amended) The method of claim 28 wherein the product number, SKU number, UPC, or bar code is specific to the supplier.

31. (cancelled).

32. (currently amended) The method of claim 28 wherein the ordering program ~~transfers~~ allows the data corresponding to the list and the data pertaining to contractor/customer identification information to be submitted electronically.

33. (currently amended) The method of claim 28 wherein the ordering program ~~transfers~~ allows the data corresponding to the list and the data pertaining to the contractor/customer identification information to be submitted by facsimile transmission.

34. (currently amended) The method of claim 28 wherein the regional supplier ~~comprises~~ is part of a national chain.

35. (currently amended) The method of claim 28 wherein the ordering program ~~downloads~~ allows a current list of costs for each specific material or product from the supplier to be downloaded.

36. (currently amended) The method of claim 28 wherein the ordering program ~~returns~~ allows a cost estimate to be submitted from the supplier to the contractor/customer.

37. (previously amended) The method of claim 28 further comprising requesting a date of delivery of the construction materials or products from the supplier.

38. (currently amended) The method of claim 28 wherein the ordering program ~~provides~~ allows a confirmation of receipt of data from the supplier to the contractor/customer.

39. (currently amended) The method of claim 28 wherein the construction phase comprises one or more of a foundation, plumbing, electrical, framing, and roofing materials or products phase.

40. (previously added) The method of claim 28 wherein the steps recited therein are performed consecutively.

41. (currently amended) A system comprising a contractor/customer ordering computer programmed ~~and accessed~~ to be accessible by a contractor/customer computer, the ordering computer interconnected to a publicly accessible network means:

the ordering computer being programmed to initiate a contractor/customer ordering computer program;

the ordering computer being programmed to receive data entered by a contractor/customer in response to a display on the contractor/customer computer initiated by the ordering computer program;

the ordering computer program being programmed to cause a display of a menu on the contractor/customer computer from which the contractor/customer ~~selects~~ can select a classification of construction ~~material or product materials, products or supplies~~, the classification being associated with a construction phase, and upon selection of a classification, to cause a display of a menu of a set of construction ~~material or product materials, products or supplies~~ within the classification;

the ordering computer being programmed to cause a display on the contractor/customer computer of a set of ~~material or~~ material, product or supply names, the set of material or product names being dependent on an identified regional supplier such that the set includes ~~only~~ names of specific ~~material or product materials, products or supplies~~ that are provided by the identified regional supplier;

the ordering computer being programmed to allow selection of ~~select~~ one or more of the displayed selected material or product names and a quantity desired for each material or product name, the ordering computer being programmed to record and list the ~~material or~~ material, product or supply names and the quantity for each ~~material or~~ material, product or supply ~~names~~ name selected; and

the ordering computer being programmed to enable the contractor/customer to access at least one of a SKU number, a UPC, a bar code, and a ~~material or material,~~ product or supply number for each a-specific ~~material or material,~~ product or supply name selected.

42. (currently added) The system of claim 41 wherein the ordering computer is programmed so that the recited steps ~~the steps recited therein~~ are performed consecutively.

43. (currently amended) A method for facilitating the ordering of construction supplies by a customer over the Internet, the method comprising:

receiving a supplier reference indicating a regional supplier;

providing the customer with a phase list comprising references to each of a plurality of construction phases;

receiving a customer selection of a construction phase from the phase list;

providing the customer with a supply list comprising references to a plurality of supplies associated with the selected construction phase, the plurality of supplies being available from the indicated regional supplier;

allowing the customer to make a supply selection of at least one supply from the supply list;

recording the supply selection;

listing the supply selection;

allowing the customer to remove supply selections from the listing; and

~~transferring~~ submitting the list to the indicated regional supplier in response to an order send command over the Internet.

44. (cancelled)

45. (currently amended) The method of ~~claim 44~~ claim 43, wherein the phase list comprises at least one phase ~~is selected from at least one of~~ a wiring phase; a plumbing phase; a flooring phase; a kitchen and bath phase; a lighting phase; a foundation phase; a siding phase; a heating and cooling phase; and a windows and doors phase.

46. (previously added) The method of claim 43, further comprising providing the customer with a supplier list and allowing the customer to select a supplier from the supplier list.

47. (cancelled)

48. (previously added) The method of claim 43, wherein the supply list includes tools.

49. (previously added) The method of claim 43, wherein the listing includes for each supply selection, a part name and at least one of a merchant specific part number, a SKU, a universal product code, and a bar code.

50. (currently amended) A method for communicating and ordering materials, products ~~and or~~ supplies from a regional supplier, comprising the steps of:

initiating a publicly accessible contractor/customer ordering computer program;

entering one or more ~~material or~~ material, product or supply names and a specific quantity desired for each material, product or supply into a categorization table;

said ordering program attaching a regional supplier's specific part number, part name, stock keeping unit (SKU), universal product code, or bar code for each ~~material or~~ material, product or supply entered; and

said ordering program generating a list displaying the regional supplier's specific part number, part name, stock keeping unit (SKU), universal product code, or bar code and quantity for each material, product or supply.

51. (currently amended) The method as recited in claim 50, further comprising the ~~means of transferring~~ submitting said list to said ~~intended recipient~~ regional supplier.

52. (currently amended) The method as recited in claim 50, wherein said ordering computer program is located remotely from ~~the~~ a contractor's/customer's computer.

53. (currently amended) The method as recited in claim 50, wherein said contractor/customer ~~assesses~~ accesses the ordering computer program over an internet or network system.

54. (currently amended) A method for communicating and ordering materials, products ~~and or~~ supplies from a regional supplier, comprising the steps of:

initiating a publicly accessible contractor/customer ordering computer program;

selecting a regional supplier from a first menu displayed by said computer program;

entering one or more ~~material or~~ material, product or supply names and a specific quantity desired for each material, product or supply into a categorization table;

said ordering program attaching ~~a~~ the selected regional supplier's specific part number, part name, stock keeping unit (SKU), universal product code, or bar code for each material, product or supply entered; and

said ordering program generating a list displaying the ~~intended recipient~~ selected regional supplier's specific part number, part name, stock keeping unit (SKU), universal product code, or bar code and quantity for each material, product or supply.

55. (currently amended) The method as recited in claim 54, further comprising the ~~means step of transferring~~ submitting said list to said ~~intended recipient~~ selected regional supplier.

56. (previously added) The method as recited in claim 54, wherein said ordering computer program is located remotely from the contractor's/customer's computer.

57. (currently amended) The method as recited in claim 54, wherein said contractor/customer ~~assesses~~ accesses the ordering computer program over an internet or network system.

58. (currently amended) A method for communicating and ordering materials, products ~~and or~~ supplies from a regional supplier, comprising the steps of:

initiating a publicly accessible contractor/customer ordering computer program;

said ordering program displaying a construction phase specific categorization table;

entering one or more ~~material or~~ material, product or supply names and a specific quantity desired for each material, product or supply into a categorization table;

said ordering program attaching ~~a~~the selected regional supplier's specific part number, part name, stock keeping unit (SKU), universal product code, or bar code for each material, product or supply entered; and

said ordering program generating a list displaying the selected regional supplier's ~~intended recipient~~-specific part number, part name, stock keeping unit (SKU), universal product code, or bar code and quantity for each material, product or supply.

59. (previously added) The method as recited in claim 58, wherein said ordering computer program is located remotely from the contractor's/customer's computer.

60. (currently amended) The method as recited in claim 58, wherein said contractor/customer ~~assesses~~ accesses the ordering computer program over an internet or network system.

61. (currently amended) A method for communicating and ordering materials, products ~~and or~~ supplies from a regional supplier, comprising the steps of:

initiating a publicly accessible contractor/customer ordering computer program;

entering one or more ~~material or~~ material, product or supply names and a specific quantity desired for each ~~material or~~ material, product or supply into said contractor/customer ordering program;

said ordering program attaching a regional supplier's specific part number, part name, stock keeping unit (SKU), universal product code, or bar code for each ~~material or~~ material, product or supply entered; and

said ordering program generating a list displaying the regional supplier's specific part number, part name, stock keeping unit (SKU), universal product code, or bar code and quantity for each ~~material or~~ material, product or supply.

62. (previously added) The method as recited in claim 61, wherein said publicly accessible ordering computer program is located remotely from the contractor's/customer's computer.

63. (currently amended) The method as recited in claim 61, wherein said contractor/customer ~~assesses~~ accesses the computer program over a publicly accessible internet or network system.

64. (new) The contractor/customer ordering program product of claim 15 wherein the identified regional supplier is associated with a national chain.

65. (new) The contractor/customer ordering program product of claim 28 wherein the identified regional supplier is associated with a national chain.

66. (new) The contractor/customer ordering program product of claim 15 wherein the menu displays a classification of construction materials or products associated with construction phases comprising foundation, plumbing, electrical, framing, and roofing phases.

67. (new) The contractor/customer ordering program of claim 19 wherein the steps recited therein are performed consecutively.

68. (new) The contractor/customer ordering program of claim 21 wherein the steps recited therein are performed consecutively.

69. (new) The contractor/customer ordering program of claim 23 wherein the steps recited therein are performed consecutively.

70. (new) The contractor/customer ordering program of claim 30 wherein the steps recited therein are performed consecutively.

71. (new) The contractor/customer ordering program of claim 32 wherein the steps recited therein are performed consecutively.

72. (new) The contractor/customer ordering program of claim 34 wherein the steps recited therein are performed consecutively.

73. (new) The contractor/customer ordering program of claim 39 wherein the steps recited therein are performed consecutively.

74. (new) The system of claim 41 wherein the classification is associated with a construction phase comprising at least one of a foundation, plumbing, electrical, framing, or roofing phase.

75. (new) The method of claim 43, wherein the phase list comprises at least one construction phase selected from a foundation phase, a plumbing phase; an electrical phase, a framing phase, and a roofing phase.